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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Altamirano DATE TYPED: 2/11/03 HB _____

SHORT TITLE: WNMU Workforce Training SB 543

ANALYST: L. Baca

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
\$450.0				Recurring	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation for Western New Mexico University in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 543 appropriates \$450.0 to the Board of Regents of New Mexico Western University (NMWU) for expenditure in fiscal years 2003 and 2004 for funding recurring workforce training and development initiatives required by the dire economic conditions in Southwest New Mexico.

The bill contains an emergency clause.

Significant Issues

This bill intends to provide training in Southwest New Mexico where these activities are needed because of the changes related to the mining industry. The CHE analysis questions whether this bill duplicates the ‘substantial efforts’ by the Workforce Investment Act, specifically the Southwest Workforce Board, currently being undertaken in the area.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$450.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general fund.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP OR RELATIONSHIP

SB 543 relates to the following bills:

HB 160, WORKFORCE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FUND, creates the Workforce Skills Development Fund, provides that community colleges may apply for matching grants for workforce development programs, and appropriates \$300.0 to Workforce Skills Development Fund.

HB 394, WORKFORCE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FUND & SB 368, CREATE WORKFORCE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FUND; identical bills that create the Workforce Skills Development Fund to be administered by the CHE, provide that the CHE shall promulgate rules for implementing the program and that community colleges may apply for matching grants. The bill has no appropriation.

HB 463, Small Business Assistance & SB 462, Expand Small Business Services, appropriates \$500.0 for expenditure in fiscal year 2004 to UNM for the Barelás Job Opportunity Center to assist the development and expansion of small business throughout the state.

SB 199, SOUTHWESTERN NM WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER, appropriates \$300.0 to the Board of Regents of WNMU to fund a labor market analysis; an educational program design study and facilities design for the Southwestern New Mexico Workforce Training Development Center.

SB 200, NM SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER, (SMBDC) appropriates \$3,100.0 to the CHE for expenditure in fiscal year 2004 so the SMDC at SFCC and related SBMDCs can expand services provided statewide.

SB 418, WORKFORCE TRAINING ACT, appropriates \$300.0 to the CHE for expenditure in fiscal year 2004 for customized workforce development training to supplement the state's workforce development efforts, stipulates eligibility for participation, and requires that participating community colleges conduct at least one workforce development program per year.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

This funding request was not included in the funding recommendations submitted to the CHE by the Board of Regents of Western New Mexico University and, thus, was not reviewed by the CHE.

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